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IN THE ABSTRACT

After the Claims, please insert the following Abstract:

--An isolated and purified DNA molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide functionally involved in the DNA mismatch repair system of a plant.--

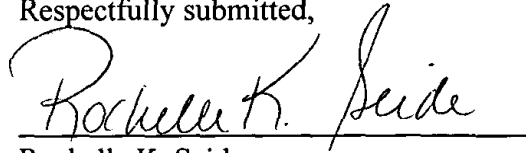
REMARKS

The present amendment is necessitated to eliminate the duplicate numbering of Claim 25, and to clarify the claim numbering and dependencies of the

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remaining claims. Also, an Abstract is provided. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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